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11. If the distribution is retained in the hands of the Government the profits will be shared by the ryots and not go as dividends to capitalists.

12. Politically it is desirable that the source of power to manipulate the key industry of the country is retained in the hands of the Government.

13. The failure of the licensees to develop agricultural load will retard rural development until Doomsday.

14. The failure of licensees will permanently stand in the way of the development of electrical pumping in the Province.

15. The Government cannot find a better district than North Arcot to develop agricultural load as an object lesson to the other district and licensees in the Presidency as this district contains the largest number of wells in the Presidency, as the agricultural season in the district coincides with the season when the greatest amount of secondary power is produced in the headworks and as the soil of the district permits the cultivation of all valuable commercial and food crops.

For the reasons contained above, the development of the agricultural load in the district must be entirely in the hands of the Government and all applications for licences, it is prayed, should be summarily refused.

APPENDIX III.

[Vide answer to question No. 411 asked by Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 2nd November 1935, page 436 supra.]

(1)

Letter from the Commissioner, Palamcottah Municipality, dated 13th July 1935, *R.C. No.* 401/35.

[Taxes—Cycles—Reduction—Sanction requested.]

The Council has at its meeting held on 25th June 1935 resolved to reduce the cycle tax of Rs. 2 per half year to Re. 1 to take effect from 1st April 1936. The amount realized as tax on cycles in 1933–34 was Rs. 1,602 and that in 1934–35, Rs. 2,480. The increase is due to the exercise of the powers under section 107 of the District Municipalities Act V of 1920 as amended.

2. I request that the Government may be pleased to accord necessary sanction to the reduction.

3. A copy of the resolution of the Council is submitted.

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(2)

Extract from the proceedings of a meeting of the Municipal Council, Palamcottah, held on 25th June 1935.

[*Subject No.* 13.—Mahazar from M.R.Ry. S. V. Sundararaja Ayyangar Avargal, B.A., B.L., and others for the abolition of cycle tax or to reduce it to Re. 1 per annum (R.C. No. 401 of 1935).]

Resolution.—Cycle tax reduced to Rs. 2 per year; to take effect from 1st April 1936.

(3)

G.O. Ms. No. 3221, L. & M., dated 8th August 1935.

READ—the following paper:—

From the Commissioner, Palamcottah Municipality, dated 13th July 1935, No. 401.

Order—Ms. No. 3221, *L. & M., dated 8th August* 1935.

The Government are not prepared to sanction the proposal of the Palamcottah Municipal Council in its resolution No. 13, dated 25th June 1935, to reduce with effect from 1st April 1936 the rate of the tax on cycles to Rs. 2 per year.

(By order of the Government, Ministry of Local Self-Government)

M. V. SANKARA VARIAR,
Assistant Secretary to Government.

To the Commissioner, Palamcottah Municipality, through the Chairman.

APPENDIX IV.

[Vide answer to question No. 412 asked by Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 2nd November 1935, page 437 supra.]

(1)

Letter from the Commissioner, Tinnevelly Municipality, dated 4th August 1935, *No.* 14-16.

I beg to enclose copy of resolution No. 233, dated 1st August 1935, passed by the Tinnevelly Municipal Council, reducing the cycle tax from Rs. 2 to 4 annas per half year, with effect from 1st October 1935, and I request orders of the Government on that.

Resolution No. 233, *dated 1st August* 1935.

Letter from the President of the Tinnevelly-Palamcottah Cycle Owners' Association to reduce the tax levied on cycles to Re. 1 per annum and connected papers.

A tax of 4 annas per half year to be levied from 1st October 1935. Necessary notification to issue with sanction of the Local Government.